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Extracts from an address by Hermann Axen to functionaries of the SED. This address was given in Berlin at Unity House sometime prior to 15 July 1951.

- Western Germany must be considered as the most important target of the Communist training program. The large numbers of people there mean that they will make up a large part of the infantry of any war. The industrial capacity of West Germany must be used for the purposes of peace. The impression that there is a great deal of time to reach decisions in this matter is false.
- The anti-American propaganda, especially that dealing with the High Commissioner and General Eisenhower, has been a serious tactical error to sav the least. Through this action, Adenauer's guilt has not been emphasized. In the future, Adenauer's guilt must be more clearly explained.
- 3. The Soviet Union must be more aggressively and boldly popularized to the German people. The whole population must be aroused against the American occupation.
- The World Youth Festival must be popularized.
- The Communist newspapers must adopt another tone. The Communist press will be helped by a distribution of the division papers, such as the labor and peasant group papers. These papers are already receiving wide distribution by the VP in the frontier areas. Soon, and not later than 1 January 1952, the FDJ newspaper will be published daily.
- The letter-writing campaign will not be so organized as before. The results of the last campaign were far too small.
- It is possible for the National Front to lead a very worthwhile work which must be begun at once. The National Front must try in all possible ways to show businessmen and producers the possibilities of trading with China and the Soviet
- Most important of all duties is the hindering of the remilitarization of West Germany. A very important step in this action is the taking over of the DGB.
- 9. A settling of accounts between the SED and the SED press will follow.
- 10. The SED is making plans to set up a section to study German remilitarization. All help possible should be given to this section.

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